

## Notice to the Industry

November 22, 2011

Effective January 1, 2012, the sampling of milk to verify somatic cell counts and total plate counts compliance with European Regulation No 853/2004 Annex III, Section IX, Chapter 1.III shall take place on the farm level. All Certificate of Conformance presented to the Dairy Grading Branch to support requests for EU health certificates after March 31, 2012 shall be based on testing of the raw milk at the farm level.

For all milk processed prior to April 1, 2012 AMS Dairy Grading Branch will continue to accept Certificates of Conformance based on the previous sampling program. The new instructions for the European Health Certification Program are posted on the AMS Dairy Website at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRD3636640>

If you have any questions about this new certificate please contact Ken Vorgert at 630-437-5037 e-mail: [ken.vorgert@ams.usda.gov](mailto:ken.vorgert@ams.usda.gov) or Carrie Sayasithsena at 202-720-3171 e-mail : [Carrie.Sayasithsena@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Carrie.Sayasithsena@ams.usda.gov).